Re 9:20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Am 3:6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it? 7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

Beloved, in this place, we do not play to the sensibilities of the immoral, lustful, contemptible, and sinful mind of mankind. We determinedly refuse to placate and cater to the flesh (Rom. 8:4). We proclaim to prophesy right things (Isaiah 30:10), holy things (1 Pet. 1:16) and pure things (Jas. 3:17). When a person does this, it stirs up the wrath and hatred of the masses (Mat. 10:14-42, Luke 6:27, Luke 16:13, John 7:7, John 15:18, 1 John 3:13, Acts 7:52). Rom. 8:36 For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Christ says at Mat. 10:22 Ye shall be hated of all men for my sake; Mat. 10:24 the disciple is not above his master; and, Mat. 10:28, fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul - Fear Him (God) which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. We speak things agreeable to the mind, will, and the determinate counsel of God Almighty (Acts 2:23). That is our priority and what we are about. Like Lazarus, we must have our evil things now (Luke 26:25). We reject the worldly notion of speaking smooth things and prophesying deceits (Isaiah 30:10) to buy peace for us
in this world. We reject the peace and prosperity of man. We do not need the acceptance of the Devil and those that serve him. We refuse to deceive the ungodly and tell them what they want to hear. They desperately want our words to conform to their desires, feelings, and sinful philosophies. They do not worship the Living and True God (1 Thes. 1:9). Instead, we must trumpet to our generation their transgressions (Isaiah 58:1). We know that the masses will prefer the false prophets and be offended at our reproofs and plainness of speech. Our King said at Mat. 5:37 *Let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.* When you talk, make it doubly plain what you have said and if you do not do this, it is evil and from Satan. Do not be double-minded, “hedge your bets,” or be ambiguous in your speech, particularly when it comes to matters of God and religion. That is what the scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees did (Mat 7:29) and we must run from that.

Things are breaking loose all around us with unprecedented events happening throughout this world that come with a whole new lexicon. These include “social distancing,” “flattening the curve,” “stay at home,” and, “safe at home.” There are new laws, rules and lawful orders. We have the cancelling of in-person school, empty sanctuaries, cancelling all public sports events, meetings, movies, and concerts. The airports of this country are ghost towns – people have been told to avoid even domestic travel of any kind. This week I went to the doctor’s office and I didn’t even get through the door of the building, before I was stopped, interrogated about that status of my health and my temperature taken. All this was foreign to us just a month ago. This has never happened in my lifetime or even in Gran’s lifetime. And, the preachers of this generation are effectively silent as to the reason and purpose of God in these events. Lest you think my characterization is incorrect or unfair, below are words from one of these preachers (in a sermon) a few weeks ago. This is supposedly one who has some correct doctrine.

*The Promise of Peace in a Worried World* - *Knowing the divine mind in all its infinite complexities is not possible to us. The innumerable, incalculable, infinite complexities and contingencies that function in the mind of God that cause Him to do what He does in the way He does it and where He does it are far beyond our capacity to grasp. And certainly, knowing the reasons why God does anything and knowing the future is beyond us... So how are you doing in this momentary chaos of*
a virus? How is your faith?... One of the benefits of a massive trial like this is that there’s a certain sense in which the reset button has been set in all of our lives.

This drivel is from the false preacher playbook. One of the churches in this town had a sign in front of their church this week that said “Fear not.”

I will tell you exactly, precisely, with 100% accuracy, the “contingencies” and “mind of God” as to why he unleashed the Coronavirus (COVID-19) on this world. Eph. 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. It is because of your fornication, uncleanness, covetousness, filthiness, foolish talking, idolatry and whoremongering, which He enumerated in the previous three verses (Eph 5:3-5).

Psalm 34:16 The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. This is not talking about the sin that all men are guilty of. This is talking about those that intentionally live in sin and wickedness and who have no sorrow or remorse for it. He will not only remove them from the earth, but He will remove all remembrance (knowledge and thoughts) of them.

2Th. 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm 78:49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.

Duet. 32:35 To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.
And, another sermon from that same preacher:

**Finding Security in a Troubled World** - We don’t worry because we know who our Father is, we know who our family is, and we know what our future is. We don’t worry. We have the responsibility to learn the lessons that the Lord is teaching us. You can take a look at your own life and examine where you are in regard to the things we’ve talked about. But if you look at them rightly, you see this [COVID-19 pandemic] not as a threat, but as an incredibly wonderful, promising opportunity to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ and become more like the Savior...Lord, show your glory... Even though we don’t know at the time what’s happening in every situation, we do know that You’re in control for our blessing and the glory of Your great name...

It is a great sin to speak smooth things. Why do the false preachers speak smooth things? It’s all about “show me the money.” This preacher has a slick video (with different camera angles of the preacher talking) on the front page of the church website begging for money. This preacher is no different than hundreds of thousands of other preachers in this country. They run greedily after the error of Balaam for reward (Jude 1:11). When Elijah was killing the 450 prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel, he did not perform a cost versus benefit analysis before he did it (1 Kings 18:40). He hazarded his life knowing Jezebel would seek his life (1 Kings 19:2). This “Show me the money” mentality is “Sibboleth” to us, and it is not the right spiritual mindset to please God!

Jer. 15:19 *Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them. 20 And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD. 21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.*

These preachers do not have a good understanding of their job. Isaiah 56:10 *His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.* These ordained false preachers are supposed to be the watchmen – with good, keen eyesight, seeing problems and sin
afar off, and warning their congregants and the world of the pit falls, gins, and traps in front of them. That is the job of the preacher. These watchmen are blind, they are completely ignorant of the Divine will. They are blind to sin and the coming destruction. This COVID-19 pandemic has taken them by surprise! There is nothing more worthless than a blind watchman or a dumb dog. The purpose of a guard dog is to announce with incessant barking when there is a stranger, so the owner is not caught by surprise. A dog that: 1) lies down, 2) is lazy, 3) dreams dog dreams, 4) that loves to slumber 5) and who takes his/her rest and who will not do the work in the clear light of a great threat is a waste. This is like a tree that is unfruitful (Mat. 13:22) and is cast into the fire and burned (John 14:6, Mat. 13:30). We cannot speak smooth things and deceit and maintain a candlestick (Rev. 2:5). Re 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. We, like John the Baptist, must lay the axe to the root of the trees. We must preach the judgment of God with the tenacity and boldness of a jungle lion.

For decades the LORD has put it in the hearts of the people of this church to preach to this world (every day – on the streets on this country – on our websites, on social media and in every form we have available to us). The Lord has given us the message that the judgment of God is coming and the destruction of this people/world is imminent (like Noah preaching the flood is coming or Jeremiah that Nebuchadnezzar is on the way). And for that work we have been mocked, ridiculed, and defamed within an inch of our lives (millions of times). And now, the judgment of God is clearly upon this world.

2 Chron. 36:14  Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. 15 And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes (to rise up early), and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: 16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy.

Even to this very day we are being mocked. There were social media posts that said Has the Westboro Baptist Church blamed the Coronavirus on the homosexuals yet?
No. It’s ALL the gross, awful, unrepentant idolatry, sin and sin enabling for which this wrath of God abides upon the children of disobedience as a plague. Eph 5:6
Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

The wrath of God is pouring out upon this world in the form of the COVID-19. Am 3:6 *Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it? Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.*

This was a time, when the government’s response needed to be spot-on. They needed to react quickly and get out millions of tests in a short amount of time and have the capability to get test results back quickly. That didn’t happen. They manufactured faulty tests. Days, weeks and months went by. The Lord’s will was that this plaque would quietly spread through the population of the U.S and this world unchecked. All of these details are an amazing work of God. Rom 11:33 *O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!* It is not always about the love of God, it is also about His righteous judgments and His mercy toward His people! “For His mercy endureth for ever” appears 41 times in the Bible and only 26 of those are in Psalm 136.

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I love you all. Amen.
To the Saints of God at Topeka, Kansas
April 12, 2020

It is fitting that this coronavirus is hitting the so-called “greatest generation” particularly hard. It is fitting because they changed the ancient landmarks. They made divorce, remarriage and adultery generally, popular and normal, they permitted, condoned and encouraged fornication, homosexuality and idolatry. They embraced alcohol and drugs and so much more sin and rebellion.

In 1918, the “Spanish flu” killed between 50 and 100 million people worldwide. In large cities they stacked bodies like cordwood because the morgues were overwhelmed (literally “bring out your dead”). It lasted 24 months and had 3 huge spikes (or waves) to it. My grandmother was born in 1915 and she was 3-5 years old when it hit and she remembered the aftermath. She is dead now, but I asked her about it when she was alive and she said it was awful and it had a huge impact on people’s lives.

This plague has spanned the globe in roughly 90 days. It is an amazing work of God. Italy has been hit hard. The Vatican and the pope are right there in Italy with death all around them. The pope was on TV the other day, with no crowds in St. Peter’s Square and little pomp and circumstance, praying to God to stop the Coronavirus. “Houston, we have a problem.” Because we know that God does not hear the prayers of the pope! Isa 1:15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

Prov. 1:24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; 25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear
cometh; 27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind (suddenly and with fierceness); when distress and anguish cometh upon you. 28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: 29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: 30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

I am not unsympathetic to the plight of our fellow men and women on this earth due to the Coronavirus. A wife wrote regarding her husband that unexpectedly died from the disease that it had been an indescribable horrible week of immeasurable suffering. And, many of these people that dying are doing so in quarantine and their families are not even allowed to see them. They have angered God greatly and there is no remedy. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me.

The inconvenient truth is that the LORD GOD, the LORD OF HOSTS, the LORD of SABAOTH (the Lord of all armies) uses plagues and pestilences to punish people. Webster’s dictionary says a plague is an epidemic disease causing a high rate of mortality, a destructively numerous influx or multiplication of a noxious animal (plague of locusts), a virulent contagious febrile (feverish) disease caused by a bacterium.

PLAGUE - Strong’s (OT): AV-plague 65, sore 5, stroke 4, stripes 2, stricken 1, wound 1; 78
1) stroke, plague, disease, mark, plague spot
1a) stroke, wound
1b) stroke (metaphorical of disease)
1c) mark (of leprosy)

- Strong’s (NT) AV-plague 12, stripe 5, wound 4; 21
1) a blow, stripe, a wound
2) a public calamity, heavy affliction, plague,

Webster’s dictionary says a pestilence is a contagious or infectious epidemic disease that is virulent and devastating.
PESTILENCE - Strong’s (OT) AV-pestilence 47, plagues 1, murrain 1; 49
1) pestilence, plague
2) murrain, cattle disease, cattle-plague

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<td>Ge 12:17 And the LORD <strong>plagued</strong> Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram’s wife.</td>
<td>Abraham tells the Egyptians that Sarah is his sister because he feared the princes of Egypt would kill him to take her. In response, God plagued them with a disease (the Jews say it was ulcers). Gill thinks it may have been like when Abraham told Abimelech the same thing and God sent a plague to them so that the wombs of all the females (people and animals) were shut up.</td>
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<td>Ex 11:1 And the LORD said unto Moses, <strong>Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence.</strong> Ex 12:13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the <strong>plague</strong> shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.</td>
<td>This is the final plague God sent Pharaoh/ Egypt. It was the death of the first born on the Egyptians and their livestock.</td>
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<td>Ex 32:34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them. <strong>35 And the LORD plagued the people,</strong> because they made the calf, which Aaron made.</td>
<td>This is when Moses delayed coming down from Mount Sinai and Aaron made the Israelites a golden calf (idol). And the people worshipped the golden calf and sat down to eat and to drink and rose up to play... Moses saw that the people were naked (for Aaron had made them naked...). Gill says this included dancing and singing (presumably naked and committing fornication) and other lewdness/ uncleanness. Gill quotes a source that says God smote them with a pestilence that killed 3,000 men.</td>
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<td>Le 26:21/25 And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; <strong>I will bring seven times more plagues upon you</strong> according to your sins. And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, <strong>I will send the pestilence among you;</strong> and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.</td>
<td>The Lord establishes in Leviticus that if the Israelites leave from serving Him (won’t follow His commandments, abhor His judgments, despise His statutes, break the covenant, worships idols/images, and would not serve Him with joy) He will chasten them with awful plagues and pestilences.</td>
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<td>Nu 11:33 <em>And while the flesh (quail) was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.</em></td>
<td>The Israelites complained saying: <em>We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic: 6 But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes.</em> Gill cites a source that says 23,000 Israelites died in this plague.</td>
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<td>Nu 14:37 <em>Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD.</em> Nu 14:12 <em>I will smite them with the pestilence</em>, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.</td>
<td>At Kadeshbarnea 10 spies made an evil report and slandered the promise land and the Israelites said “Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness! ... were it not better for us to return into Egypt? 4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.” Moses, Aaron and Joshua tried to talk them out of this, but they wouldn’t listen. The Lord killed the 10 spies with a plague/pestilence and then he killed everyone over age the 20 during the 40 years in the wilderness, except Moses, Caleb and Joshua. And the rebellious people wanted to kill them at Nu 14:10 <em>But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.</em></td>
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<td>Nu 16:46 <em>And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun.</em> And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; <em>and, behold, the plague was begun among the people:</em> and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people. 48 And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed. 49 <em>Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Korah.</em></td>
<td>This is when Korah, Dathan and Abiram and 250 princes of Israel said: Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD? The Lord killed Korah, Dathan and Abiram (the earth opened up and swallowed them up) and fire consumed the 250 princes ... on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD.</td>
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<td>Nu 25:8 <em>And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.</em> Nu 25:9 <em>And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.</em></td>
<td>This is when Balaam gave advice to Balak and Moab to entrap the Israelites to commit whoredom with the Midianitish women and to follow the lead of those women to convince them to worship and sacrifice to other gods. As this is going on a plague/pestilence from God is</td>
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| 9. | De 28:21 The **LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land**, whither thou goest to possess it. | Deuteronomy 28 is the blessings and the curses. God tells the Israelites that if they keep the commandments they will get untold blessings.  
1 ¶ And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:  
2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. But, God also tells them that if they keep not his commandments they will receive untold curses including having the pestilence (disease) cleave unto them.  
15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee. |
| 10. | 1Sa 6:4 Then said they, **What shall be the trespass offering which we shall return to him?** They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines: **for one plague was on you all, and on your lords.** | This is when the Philistines and Israel were fighting and Israel called for the ark of God, (treating the ark was a weapon – when actually it is just a symbol of God’s favor if they would keep his commandments; which they did NOT) and the Philistines defeated them and took the ark. When Eli heard that is two sons were dead and the ark was taken, he, being very old, blind and heavy, fell over backwards and broke his neck. The ark of God was with the Philistines 7 months and they put it in the temple of their false god, Dagon and the next day he was broken. The Lord sent a great plague among the Philistines (both the lords and common people) because they possessed the ark. The plague 1) outright killed many of them and 2) the ones |
that did not die outright had painful hemorrhoids and tumors in their private parts. Here they are sending the ark back with a trespass offering.

This is where David numbered Israel. David had three choices to atone for this sin: 1) seven years of famine; 2) flee three months before his enemies; or 3) three days’ pestilence.

This was in the awful years after Jehoshaphat gave his son to Ahab and Jezebel’s daughter Athaliah. God smites Israel and Jehoram with a great plague/disease because he murdered all his brethren to establish his kingdom, made an alliance with the house of Ahab and Jezebel and had no bowels of mercy for his brethren or his people, but turned Judah to behave like the Israel. So the Lord sent him a disease to make his bowels fall out, but only after two painful years of bowel disease. In addition, it appears God smote his people, family and all that supported by action or inaction in the murderous, rebellious conduct with a great plague.

God promised to destroy Israel during the days of Jeremiah for their proud, unrepentant sin, and turning to other gods.

Again, God promised to destroy Israel during the days of Jeremiah by use of the pestilence.
15. **Eze 5:12** A *third part of thee shall die with the pestilence*, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee: and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them. Eze 5:17 So will I send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and *pestilence and blood shall pass through thee*; and I will bring the sword upon thee. I the LORD have spoken it.

More promises of use of the pestilence, all of which is given no respect in this generation that the Lord has put us in, with His word, to put before the people.

16. **Zec 14:12** And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. Zec 14:15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

Eschatology. This speaks to plagues that are yet to come.

17. **Re 6:8** And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

Seiss says “and with death” is pestilence/plague.

18. **Re 11:6** These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

Elder Tim has made the case that our prayers will be connected directly to the pouring out of the plagues of God at his time that is coming.

Re 9:20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

The coronavirus will kill and transform many lives, but we have reason to believe that this generation will NOT reform their behavior to God. They will stubbornly refuse to abandon their lives of unapologetic sinful conduct. They will continue to mock the messengers of God and give this glory of God to so many other causes, as they waste away the days blaming this and that with no thought of humbly, quiet
seeking of God and repentance. They will not walk in His counsel and by His standards. They will doggedly maintain their idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, wood, plastic, and the like. God hates idols. He is a Jealous God. They will not repent of their murders (abortion, war, crime, etc. – by the billions) and, sorceries (their pharmacology/drugs, astrology and the like). Also, they will NOT repent of their fornication (Strongs – porneia – “illicit sexual intercourse – adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism, intercourse with animals, sexual intercourse with close relative, sexual intercourse with a divorced man or woman; the worship of idols, defilement of idolatry, as incurred by eating the sacrifices offered to idols.” Finally, they will not repent of their thefts. Beloved, this is not only talking about the petty thief that breaks into your house, or your car (grand theft auto). It also covers cybercrime (estimated at $2.1 trillion dollars), fraud (including securities/investment fraud – $1-3 billion), robbery, shoplifting, corporate overreaching (Wells Fargo), etc.

**Psalm 91:1** ¶ He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; 6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. 8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. 9 ¶ Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Dan 3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. 17 **If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.** 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.
FACTS AND FIGURES OF COVID-19 & the 1918 SPANISH FLU PANDEMIC

COVID-19

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Total Confirmed

1,015,709

Confirmed Cases by
Country/Region/Sovereignty

245,213 US
115,242 Italy
112,065 Spain
84,794 Germany
82,443 China
59,929 France
50,468 Iran
34,173 United Kingdom
18,827 Switzerland
18,135 Turkey
15,348 Belgium
14,788 Netherlands
11,284 Canada
11,129 Austria

Total Deaths

53,069

13,915 deaths
Italy
10,348 deaths
Spain
5,387 deaths
France
3,199 deaths
Hubei China
3,160 deaths
Iran
2,921 deaths
United Kingdom
1,562 deaths
New York City New York US
1,500 deaths
COVID-19 is a stealthy and effective virus. Unlike most respiratory viruses which infect either the upper for lower airways in humans, the coronavirus infects both.

It is not the flu. A lot of research has been done on the flu. Comparatively, little research has been done on Coronavirus. COVID-19 is only 90 days old so little research has been done on it.

Dr. Anthony Fauci of the COVID-19 task force told a vicious reporter the other day in response to her hard words about how they need more information that “We have to be humble and admit that we don’t know it all.” Yes – and better, that we are dependent on God to show us all things.

The CDC’s approach is to: spread the infection rate out over a very long period so that the cases do not overwhelm the health care system. That strategy is not working well right now.

The family of Coronaviruses have 6 other members that infect humans (4 are gently annoying to humans – they cause one third of all common colds).

Most zoonotics (viruses that move from animals to humans) are not effective at moving from human to human easily – the Coronavirus is very effective at human transmission. It is also rare for a virus to do this so quickly.

COVID-19’s average incubation period (2-14 days) is twice that of the Spanish flu. The average incubation period is 5 days for COVID-19.

Because the virus is spreading in places like Australia (summer), it may or may not drop off as we move into summer. It is true that the flu spreads far less in hotter months, but COVID-19 is not the flu. Researches are waiting with anticipation to see how the season change effects COVID-19.

COVID-19 is less lethal than 1918, but much more contagious. The doctors under estimated the contagiousness of the disease early on.

“Herd Immunity” – The resistance to the spread of a contagious disease within a population that results if a sufficiently high proportion of individuals are immune to the disease, especially through vaccination. The strategy is to let the virus sweep through the population, those that survive then develop an immunity to the virus and the virus has nowhere else to spread. The nation’s economy is saved (thinking that a prolonged depression is even worse than a pandemic), but the cost of life is high. At least 50% to 75% of the population needs to be immune to COVID-19 before it will stop circulating. If a vaccine is
developed and most people receive it, herd immunity can be achieved (since the virus will have very little paces to spread).

- Here is a sobering statistic. It is estimated that by June 2020, roughly 95% of the U.S. population will still not have had COVID-19 making future waves of the disease probable.

- How long will social distancing be required? The LORD will determine this.
  - **Scenario 1 – 1-2 Months (Mid-March to Mid-April/May):** The experts say this is highly unlikely given the current death and infection rate in the U.S.
  - **Scenario 2 – 3-4 Months (Mid-March to Mid-June/July):** This assumes better tests become available, better treatments are discovered and the infection and death rates drop.
  - **Scenario 3 – 4-12 Months (Mid-March through December):** This assumes the virus is not affected by hot summer temperatures. There may be some easing of social distances, but larges events are most likely out of the question.
  - **Scenario 4 – 12-18 months or longer.** This is a possibility, but there is too little information to determine this.

- The COVID-19 task force are saying that it will only take 12-18 months for a COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines are typically measured in years – not months. The range for a vaccine is typically 4-5 years to 15 or 20 years. This is because if something is going to be pumped into the arms of billions of people, it needs to be absolutely effective and safe. A long timeline is needed to develop vaccines as follows: animal testing time, human testing time, determining proper drug dosages, identifying all side effects, identifying the interactions with other drugs, the difficulty of mass production (note: the CDC couldn’t get the COVID-19 test right – why do we think these doctors can get the vaccine right – which is far more difficult), and the problems in distributing a vaccine safely to billions of people, among other things. Creating vaccines is difficult work and it should not be assumed automatically that this will occur. Any vaccine developed in the 12-18 month range would be world record speed.

- Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, (stated on March 29, 2020) in an interview with CNN that the pandemic could cause between 100,000 and 200,000 deaths in the United
States. The next day, the number went to 220,000 deaths, and when asked if this is just a given and nothing we can do to change it, he said very solid words about changing your conduct (social distancing). Yes! But a better strategy would be to put away proud sin and humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God.

- The U.S. stock market has lost $12 trillion in value since mid-February 2020.
- It is one of the worst quarters in history.
- The U.S. economy is expected to shrink by 30% in the second quarter of 2020 (by far a record).
- Vehicle sales shrank 41.9% in March.
- Retail sales collapsed by 20.5% from the same time last year.
- High frequency U.S. data on restaurant visits, airline travel and box office receipts have fallen 90+%
- U.S. unemployment claims surged last week to 3.28 million – 4 times the previous record set in 1982.
- This week 6.6 million people filed for unemployment.
- There is fear the Coronavirus will send the whole world into a deep recession or depression.
- Nothing in history is comparable to the $2.2 trillion U.S. rescue package.
- Dr. Jay Butler, Dep. Director CDC Infectious Disease – The world will never be the same.
Flu vs COVID-19 death rate, by age

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention
Coronavirus death rates

Among the 10 countries with the most confirmed cases of the coronavirus, Germany has the lowest death rate.

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Data as of March 24

Source: Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center
Population aged 70 and over

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Source: UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

HALF A MILLION INFECTIONS

There have been more than 500,000 confirmed cases of coronavirus worldwide. It took 67 days for the 100,000 cases to be reported, but just 3 days to go from 400,000 to 500,000 cases.

Data correct as of 27 March 2020
Country by country: how coronavirus case trajectories compare
Cumulative number of confirmed cases, by number of days since 100th case

China had 74,556 cases at 35 days

Japan
- Strong social norms
- Around civil disobedience
- And mask-wearing

Singapore
- Strict quarantine rules & contact tracing

Heng Kong
- School closures, quarantine, community response

FT graph: John Burn-Murdoch / @burnnumrock
Source: FT analysis of Johns Hopkins University, CIPP, Worldometers, FT research. Data updated March 28, 01:00 GMT © FT
1918 – Spanish Flu

- Total infected: 500 million (one-third the population at the time)
- Total deaths: 50 million (675,000 in the U.S.)
- Most affected groups: 20-40 years old (the strongest)
- In 1918 cities imposed restrictions, lifted them too soon, and then had to reimpose them when cases spiked
- There is 6 billion more people on earth than during the 1918 pandemic.
- The Spanish flu was able to transverse the globe with no trouble and that was with ships and no airplanes.
- There were 3 distinct waves or large spikes of infections over 24 months with each wave lasting 4-8 weeks.

The Westboro Baptist Church is yet permitted and blessed with the job of sounding the warning! We implore our neighbors in the whole earth, to put away your proud sin, fear God and seek the Lord while there is time to mourn for your sins! The day is coming when it will be too late.

I love you all. Amen.